

MCRC FROST CALL 005-02 DATED 24 OCTOBER 2001

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: INFORMATION ON THE MARINE CORPS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MARADMIN 516/01

1. Purpose. To clarify the actual amount of money Marines can receive if they participate in the Marine Corps Tuition Assistance Program, and to allow Marine recruiters to report accurate program information to potential applicants and the general public.

2. Background. At the 2001 MCRC Recruiter of the Year Board, several nominees stated incorrectly that the amount received through tuition assistance is now 100%. Also, in recent weeks there have been several questions raised to the National Training Team from the field concerning the amount a Marine receives through the tuition assistance program.

3. Information

a. The Senate disapproved an initiative to increase the Marine Corps Tuition Assistance Program from 75% to 100% funding because of cost override concerns. This issue will not be readdressed in the near future.


b. Per reference (a), the current tuition assistance rate for the Marine Corps is 75%. This is the only amount any official representative of MCRC may quote.

c. Public Law 106-419 (The new Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000) authorizes the military services to pay up to 100% of tuition assistance. However, if a service does not pay 100%, this Act also authorizes the use of the Montgomery G.I. Bill to pay the remaining expenses.

d. The most updated information on education benefits is available at <http://voled.doded.mil> and <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>.

e. The latest update to the Marine Corps Opportunities Book (MCOB) remains correct concerning tuition assistance.

4. Action. Disseminate this frost call to the field expeditiously.


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By direction